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SUBJECT: LI HSIU-CHEN: DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF BIRTH PLANNING UNDER
THE STATE COUNCIL

1. CONGEN RECORDS CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON LI HSIU-CHEN, REVEALED BY NCNA SEPTEMBER 14 TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BIRTH PLANNING UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL. (NCNA ENGLISH LANGUAGE FILE REFERRED TO LI AS "A MEMBER OF THE BIRTH PLANNING LEADING GROUP UNDER THE STATE COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR OF THE GROUP'S OFFICE." THE ABOVE RENDERING IS OUR OWN FROM NCNA'S CHINESE LANGUAGE VERSION AS PRINTED HERE IN TA KUNG PAO.) LI IS HEADING A CHINESE DELEGATION TO A SEPTEMBER WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION SPONSORED GENEVA SYMPOSIUM ON PHARMACOLOGICAL FERTILITY REGULATING AGENTS.

2. LI HSIU-CHEN WAS AMONG THE WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT A RECEPTION GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN PEKING FOR FOREIGN WOMEN ON THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY, MARCH 8 THIS YEAR. SHE WAS DIRECTOR, PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICE, HUPEH, MARCH 1952; DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PLAGUE PREVENTION, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, JUNE 1958; DIRECTOR OF THE MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NOVEMBER 1963 (LEFT FOR SOFIA TO STUDY MOTHER-AND-CHILD CARE); ACTIVE IN PEKING AT THE RECEPTIONS AND MEETINGS BETWEEN CHINESE OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN

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GUESTS IN 1971; PRESENT AT THE MEETING BETWEEN HSIEH HUA, A

LEADING MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND AN AMERICAN HEALTH DELEGATION, FEBRUARY 17, 1973.

3. LI ATTENDED A MEETING BETWEEN HUANG CHIA-SZU, PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF MEDICAL SCIENCE, AND A VISITING U.S. MEDICAL DELEGATION IN PEKING ON JUNE 23, 1973. A U.S. ESCORT OFFICER RECALLS THAT LI WAS REFERRED TO INFORMALLY AS " A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNED WITH MATERNITY AND CHILD-BIRTH MATTERS." LI GAVE A BRIEFING ON FAMILY PLANNING AND BIRTH CONTROL TO THE GROUP DURING WHICH SHE SPOKE AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS EXPERTLY WITHOUT NOTES. WHILE HER REMARKS WERE GIVEN THROUGH AN INTERPRETER, LI APPEARED TO HAVE SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ENGLISH, PARTICULARLY OF MEDICAL TERMS. OF MEDIUM HEIGHT AND POSSIBLY IN HER FIFTIES OR SIXTIES, SHE HAD SHORT CUT GREY HAIR.
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